



OFFICE OF AGRICULTURE

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

Jeremy V. Criss
Director

MEMORANDUM

January 13, 2017

TO: Agricultural Advisory Committee Members (AAC)

FROM: Jeremy V. Criss, Director
Office of Agriculture

SUBJECT: January 18, 2017 Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee

The Agricultural Advisory Committee will meet on **Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at the Up County Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road Germantown in Room A at 7:00 pm.**

The agenda is on the next page.

The other attachments for our meeting will be posted on the Agriculture Services web site.
<http://montgomerycountymd.gov/AgServices/agboardscommittee.html>

I hope to see you on Wednesday.

*Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If you need other services or Aids to participate in this activity, please call 301-590-2810

e:aacJanuary(aac17)



Agricultural Services

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/agservices

18410 Muncaster Road • Derwood, Maryland 20855 • 301-590-2823 • FAX 301-590-2839

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
January 18, 2017

1. Meeting called to Order and Introductions.
2. Approval of the November 15, 2016 AAC meeting minutes.
3. **ZTA 16-02 Agricultural Zone-Transferable Development Rights Requirements:**

The MNCPPC staff released a new draft ZTA in December 2016.

The comments are due back to MNCPPC on January 23, 2017.

The MCFB, AAC, APAB, and MAP will be providing comments on this draft ZTA.

4. **The OAG Farm Coloring Book:**

The Office of Agriculture is developing a Montgomery County Farm Coloring Book that will be used as a farm promotion publication and a coloring book. Please let us know if you would like your farm to be included in this publication.

5. **Bill 37-16 Taxation-Development Impact Tax-Transportation and Public Schools:**

The County Council approved Bill 37-16 on November 15, 2016.

The Council approved a Resolution that contains the new tax rates.

Farm Tenant Dwellings are exempt from the Transportation Impact Tax=\$21,822.

The tax rate for Child lot=\$22,654.

The AAC sent a letter thanking the Council for exempting farm tenant dwellings.

The letter included how Frederick County exempts farm lots for both children and Grandchildren from their Development Impact Tax-David Gordon.

Hans Reimer responded with interest in learning when the tax is imposed.

6. The County Council elected Roger Berliner as the new Council President and Hans Reimer as the Council Vice President.

7. **Montgomery County Farm Transition Estate and Planning Workshop:**

Follow up from Doug Tregoning's workshop on Estate Planning

8. Doug Tregoning represented the MCBF at the State Bill Hearing on December 7, 2016. There were two local bills scheduled MC 10-17 (Reducing the Archery Safety Distance from 100 yards to 50 yards in the Urban Area) and MC 21-17 (Sunday Deer Hunting with start and end times).

ROCKVILLE: 240-777-6550

ANNAPOLIS (toll free): 301-261-2461

BILL NO: MC 10-17

DATE: December 7, 2016

**SUBMITTED BY: Chair on Behalf of
Morningstar**

CONTACT PERSON: Sara

Montgomery County Government

ASSIGNED TO: Montgomery Co. Delegation

POSITION: Support

Montgomery County – Archery Hunting – Safety Zone MC 10-17

The current safety zone for archery hunting of deer in Montgomery County is 100 yards from a house, church, or other building, or a camp occupied by human beings. It was reduced to 100 yards from 150 yards in 2014. The 2016 recommendation would be to reduce the safety zone to 50 yards. Calvert, Carroll, Frederick, Harford and St. Mary's Counties have a 50-yard archery hunting safety zone. At least one jurisdiction requires that the hunting be done from a tree stand- the general practice for deer hunting with a bow is done from an elevated position.

Montgomery County – Sunday Hunting MC 21-17

<http://www.montgomerycountydelegation.com/MC21-17.html>

For the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on certain property during a certain time period on certain Sundays in Montgomery County, subject to certain provisions of law; establishing that the authority of the Department to allow deer hunting on certain Sundays does not apply in Montgomery County; making certain conforming changes; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to Sunday deer hunting in Montgomery County.

9.Changes to the Deer Donation Program:

The OAG has modified the Deer Donation Program so hunters can now take deer to be donated to K & S Kuts 12415 Prices Distillery Road Damascus, MD and the County will pay for the processing costs. This will provide another location for deer to be donated in addition to drop off cold box in Poolesville.

10.MOUs between the County-OAG and the (MSCD and UM-Extension- The OAG staff has developed and revised the MOUs between the County Government and the (MSCD and UM-

Extension). These MOUs are needed to memorialize the partnerships between the agricultural agencies including the County funding used to support the agricultural agencies.

11.FY 18 Mandatory Savings Plan for the County OAG- In December 2016, the OAG was required to submit a 2% savings plan for the General Fund portion of the appropriation for FY18. Outlined below you will see the breakdown of how the 2% savings was applied to each of the agricultural agencies of the OAG.

MSCD	\$6,680	General Fund Operating Expenses
OAG	9,195	
UM-Extension	<u>4,055</u>	
Total	\$19,930	= 2% of the General Funds allocated to OAG

12.FY17 Second Quarter Analysis submitted to OMB January 12, 2017

The OAG was required to submit a second quarter analysis to the OMB that shows the current level of expenditures and the projected expenditures through the remainder of the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017. This analysis also required us to show projected salary lapse from vacant positions. The OAG will need direction from the MSCD on the process to fill the vacant MSCD Manager Position-David Plummer.

13.Minimum Wage Bill 12-16 See Attachment

The OAG has prepared a one-page summary of the minimum wage amounts for the County, State of Maryland and the Federal Government.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Farm Transition Estate and Planning Workshop-January 18, 2017 @ 9:00 am
Agricultural Advisory Committee-Wednesday January 18, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Please note AAC meetings for 2017-Jan, Feb, March, and April will be on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month and not the 2nd Tuesdays.

January 18, 2017 Room A
February 22, 2017 Room D
March 22, 2017 Room D
April 19, 2017 Room D

Small Farm Business Workshop-Break into Wholesale Market-January 23-24, 2017
MCA Producers Summit-Rocklands Farm-January 26, 2017@6:00pm
Taste of Maryland Ag Dinner-February 2, 2017
Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors-February 7, 2017 @ 7:00pm
Montgomery Soil Conservation Board of Supervisors-February 10, 2017 @ 9:00am
Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board-February 14, 2017 @ 7:00pm
Annual Farmers Market Training-February 16, 2017 @ 9:30 am
Winter Agronomy Update-February 22, 2017 Urbana Fire Hall